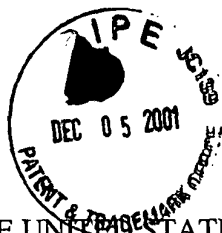


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FOAM ARTICLE AND LAMINATED MOLDED FOAM ARTICLE USING THE
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Sir:

Prior to an initial examination of the above-identified application under 37 C.F.R. §
1.153(b), please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

B1
4. (Amended twice) The prepuff of claim 1, obtainable by cutting a foamed
extrudate.

B2
15. (Amended) The prepuff of claim 2, further comprising a
polytetrafluoroethylene resin in an amount ranging from 0.005 to 0.1 parts by weight based on
100 parts by weight of the prepuff, wherein the prepuff is obtainable by cutting a strand shaped
foamed extrudate into generally cylindrical shapes.